

DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA
Weekly Broiler Chick Report

05/30/07
BC-22-07

PLACEMENTS UP 4 %

For the week ending May 26, 2007, growers placed 11.8 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 4.2% above the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (11.7 million) increased 3.3% from comparable week in 2006. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 14.1 million, an increase of 0.5% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.7 million for the week ending May 19, 2007 compared to 11.5 million slaughtered during the same week in 2006.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
ENDING	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
03/31/07	13,776	14,291	11,452	11,641	11,455	11,744
04/07/07	13,777	14,380	11,449	11,647	11,449	11,840
04/14/07	13,579	14,499	10,987	11,715	11,034	11,948
04/21/07	13,818	14,273	11,274	11,804	11,275	12,133
04/28/07	13,709	14,250	11,272	11,823	11,275	12,015
05/05/07	13,683	14,143	11,157	12,029	11,158	12,121
05/12/07	13,688	14,207	11,225	11,870	11,228	12,018
05/19/07	13,886	14,146	11,244	11,866	11,245	12,000
05/26/07	14,045	14,121	11,322	11,694	11,325	11,795

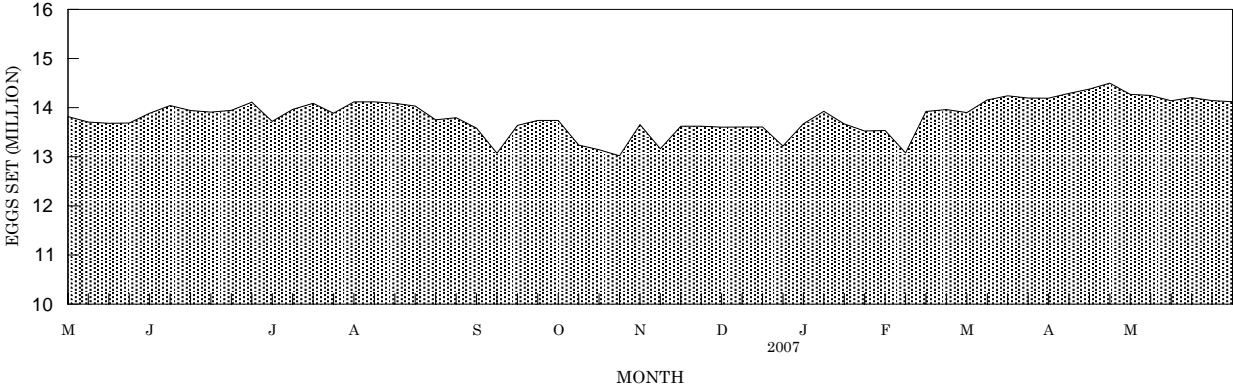
- 1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.
2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.
* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK,
GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING	PREV.	PREV.	PREV.
	06/02/07	WEEK	MONTH	YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	82.67	82.76	69.60	54.25
12-City Composite 2/	82.89	82.87	78.37	61.27

- 1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.
2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET ON DELMARVA
May 2006 - May 2007



Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States						
State	Week Ending					
	Apr 21 2007	Apr 28 2007	May 5 2007	May 12 2007	May 19 2007	May 26 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	31,737	31,504	*31,146	31,185	*31,373	31,223
AR	28,327	28,547	29,200	29,002	*27,928	28,790
DE	4,064	4,108	4,160	4,086	*4,115	4,121
FL	1,383	1,384	1,376	1,377	1,321	1,359
GA	36,540	36,488	*35,991	36,101	36,294	36,361
KY	8,059	7,720	*7,847	7,769	7,888	7,853
LA	3,924	3,924	3,955	3,955	3,923	3,923
MD	8,941	8,932	8,776	8,926	8,852	8,851
MS	19,090	18,796	*18,765	19,104	18,878	19,029
NC	19,625	19,843	*19,596	19,949	*19,845	19,648
OK	6,771	6,583	6,633	6,636	6,852	6,704
PA	4,152	3,836	3,998	*4,076	*4,063	4,041
SC	5,775	5,659	5,473	5,643	5,604	5,946
TX	15,049	15,122	14,971	15,073	15,098	15,100
VA	6,540	6,478	6,480	6,553	6,507	6,479
CA, MO, TN, & WV	20,638	19,850	20,157	20,959	21,080	20,361
19 State Total	220,615	218,774	*218,524	*220,394	*219,621	219,789
Previous Year Total	212,327	210,570	211,844	213,524	213,197	213,886
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	104	103	103	103	103

* Revised

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 220 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 26, 2007. This was up 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States						
State	Week Ending					
	Apr 21 2007	Apr 28 2007	May 5 2007	May 12 2007	May 19 2007	May 26 2007
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,676	20,656	20,593	21,030	*21,784	20,580
AR	23,531	23,898	23,518	24,560	24,148	24,308
DE	5,507	5,467	4,801	5,307	*4,913	4,526
FL	1,497	1,555	1,468	1,830	1,390	1,427
GA	28,447	30,068	30,109	29,934	28,603	30,345
KY	6,347	5,891	6,096	6,640	6,340	6,554
LA	3,765	3,901	3,892	3,833	*3,947	3,800
MD	5,833	6,047	5,881	6,666	*6,285	6,658
MS	17,370	17,559	17,429	17,502	16,994	16,935
NC	15,907	16,434	16,370	15,837	*16,142	15,717
OK	5,298	5,007	5,623	4,862	4,699	5,538
PA	2,990	3,144	3,257	*3,150	*2,899	3,152
SC	4,971	5,415	4,671	4,611	5,602	4,268
TX	12,713	12,675	12,606	12,663	12,773	12,685
VA	5,203	5,225	6,157	4,446	5,255	5,394
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,091	17,751	18,370	18,109	17,517	18,278
19 State Total	178,146	180,693	180,841	*180,980	*179,291	180,165
Previous Year Total	175,809	177,833	176,955	174,308	172,844	174,620
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	102	102	104	104	103

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Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 180 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 26, 2007. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through May 26, 2007 were 3.68 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.